

The regular meeting of the Planning Board convened at 6:30 pm via zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Driscoll, Mr. MacDonald, Ms. Guarino, Mr. Geller, and Mr. Ajemian

ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Santarcangelo

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. DeBoisbriand, Director of Community & Economic Development & Mrs. Farinacci, Assistant Planner.

Chairman Driscoll opened the meeting and read the Governors Open Meeting Guidelines.

Joint Meeting with CEDC – 168-180 Broad Street Zoning Amendment

Legal Posting was done by the Council Clerk.

Representative, Steven Meltzer, was in attendance on behalf of the applicant. This is the current site of the Perkins Foundry. The goal of the request was to find a way to redevelop this site with a mixed-use development. The lot has split zoning which makes it difficult to redevelop. The applicant would be asking for this site to be one Zone, Central Business District, then they could submit a project. Mr. Ajemian suggested that before an official submittal is done, the applicant come before the board to talk general design ideas. All members agreed this was a good idea. Mrs. Farinacci read the email from Counselor Wood with his opinion on the matter. Mrs. DeBoisbriand read the email from Carlton Hunt, where he asked the status of this change. He noted he had no opposition to the change and would suggest these types of changes be looked at in a broader sense. Mr. Ajemian clarified where the change is. Mr. Driscoll gave the public an opportunity to speak, at that time Mr. Hunt mention his letter, which was read aloud. Mr. Hunt saw this as an opportunity for growth in the area and felt this should be supported. There were no other public comments. Mr. Driscoll spoke to recent Amendment requests and how he felt they could not be supported and spoke to the fact that this change is appropriate, and he would support it.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Ajemian second by Mr. MacDonald.

Roll Call:

Mr. MacDonald - YES

Mrs. Guarino- YES

Mr. Ajemian - YES

Mr. Geller – YES

Mr. Driscoll - Yes

Motion to recommend the Zoning Amendment Change made by Mr. Ajemian, second Mr. Geller.

Roll Call:

Mr. MacDonald - YES

Mrs. Guarino- YES

Mr. Ajemian - YES

Mr. Geller – YES

Mr. Driscoll - Yes

Joint Meeting with CEDC – Zoning Recodification with Mark Bobrowski

Mrs. DeBoisbriand said she compiled the comments she received and sent them to Attorney Bobrowski, she is still awaiting to hear from him at this time. She suggested this can be continued out or withdraw this ordinance and start fresh with a packet from Attorney Bobrowski. It was discussed this be moved out until after the first of the new year, this date was decided to be January 19th.

Motion to continue to January 19th, 2022 at 6:30pm made by Mr. MacDonald, second Mrs. Guarino.

Roll Call:

Mr. MacDonald - YES

Mrs. Guarino- YES

Mr. Ajemian - YES

Mr. Geller – YES

Mr. Driscoll - Yes

Board Business

2022 Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the 2022 meeting schedule as presented. They asked that the first July and August meetings be added back.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Geller, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, it was unanimously voted.